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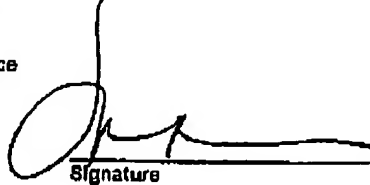
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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled without prejudice).

Claim 2. (Previously presented). A vacuum pickup device as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the pickup surface includes a pattern of grooves defining vacuum channels in the pickup face of the paddle.

Claim 3. (Previously presented). A vacuum pickup device as claimed in Claim 7 including a U-shaped vacuum channel formed in the pickup face adjacent the outer periphery thereof having open ends to admitting ambient air when the impeller is